Meeting Minutes
Utah State Board of Education

Utah State Board of Education Board Meeting,
Utah School for the Deaf and Blind (USDB),
USBE Work Session, and
Continued Business from the previous
meeting on June 4, 2026.
Time: 1:00 to 3:30 PM

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on June 5, 2026. Vice Chair Bollinger and Chair Hymas presided. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held at the state board offices, 250 E. 500 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. The public can view the discussion through live YouTube streaming.

Members Present

- Board Chair Matt Hymas
- First Vice-Chair Amanda Bollinger
- Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood
- Member Cole Kelley
- Member Randy Boothe
- Member Cindy Davis
- Member Christina Boggess
- Member Sarah Reale
- Member Jennie Earl
- Member Joseph Kerry
- Member Erin Longacre
- Member Carol Lear
- Member Joann Brinton

Members Absent

- Member Emily Green
- Member Rod Hall

Executive Staff Present

- Dr. Molly Hart, State Superintendent
- Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
- Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Others present

Lora Cooper, Assistant Attorney General; David Goff, Assistant Attorney General; Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent; Elisse Newey, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Patton, Assistant Superintendent; Dwight Overgaard, Cindy Andersen, Bethany Anderson, Vicky Summers, Cheri Rieben, Ben Rasmussen, Jerry Record, Alex Farrah, Stephanie Clancy, and Kathleen Carlisle.

Vice Chair Bollinger called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM.

Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Board Meeting

Public Comment for Utah School for the Deaf and Blind (USDB)

The Board heard public comments from Katie G. Nelson.

- The public may sign up to share public comments at publiccomment@schools.utah.gov.
- The public may send written public comments to the Board at board@schools.utah.gov
- Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per person.
- A comment can express support or dissent for regulatory action.
- Individuals should refrain from using public comments to complain about personnel issues or attack or defame another individual.
- Speakers making a highly detailed or complex comment should also consider providing a written outline of their words to the Board.
- Please remember that children may hear your comments. Be thoughtful and professional.
- Keep your comments appropriate for a general audience. If you have material with explicit language or content, submit such material in writing to the Board at board@schools.utah.gov

Monthly USDB Budget Update

USBE Assistant Superintendent of Operations Deborah Jacobson provided board members with a monthly USDB financial update.

Jean Massieu School Improvement Plan

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Jean Massieu School for the Deaf (Elementary) School Improvement Plan Framework.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

USDB Committee Standing Committee Report/Recommendations – (Items duplicated from the May 12, 2026, meeting).

8.23 Bridges to Community Readiness — Post High School Program Policy

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the 8.23 Bridges to Community Readiness — Post High School Services Policy, Draft 3, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

R277-801, Services for Students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Visually Impaired, and Deaf-Blind (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve R277-801, Services for Students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Visually Impaired, and Deaf-Blind, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

6.07 Immunization Policy

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Immunization Policy, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

8.24 School Personnel Medical Recommendations

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the School Personnel Medical Recommendations Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

USDB 2026-2027 Student Fee Schedule

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Student Fee Schedule.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

FY2027 USD Enrichment Budget

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the FY27 USD Enrichment budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

10.13 Concussion and Head Injury Policy

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Concussion and Head Injury Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

8.23 Grading and Graduation Credit

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Grading and Graduation Credit Policy, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

Member Reale was excused.

Study Session Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Formulation Process

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boggess that the potential funding request forms that were voted upon by the June 5, 2026, Finance Committee meeting be approved for development and presentation to the full board in August.

- 2 Beverly Taylor Sorenson
- 3 K-8 Literacy/Numeracy
- 4 USBE Critical FTE Funding Requests
- 5 Master Pilot Program
- Additional WPUs for the SPED Self-Contained Program
- USDB Funding Request

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board add the USDB funding request to the list.

The motion passed unanimously.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Brinton, Wood, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

1 ABSENT: Member Kelley.

MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion passed unanimously.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

1 ABSENT: Member Kelley.

MOTION was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board include the following as legislative priorities for 2027:

- Appropriate funding formulas for ~~all students~~ special education
- Prioritize WPU Increases over line-item programs
- Provide ongoing funding to support early literacy and/or mathematics

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board amend to strike “all students” and replace with “special education”

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Brinton, Wood, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kelley.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board amend to add to the list “UPPAC Reform.”

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member that the Board add to the list “Free Speech Protections in Public Schools.”

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Bollinger and seconded that the Board postpone this discussion to July 9, 2026, Board Workshop.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Brinton, Wood, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

MOTION was made by Member Longacre and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board direct staff to develop and send a survey to teachers to receive feedback on priorities for the 2027 session.

The motion failed.

6 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Earl, Longacre, Davis, Boothe, and Kerry.

6 OPPOSED: Members Kelley, Brinton, Wood, Bollinger, Boggess, and Hymas.

CALL THE QUESTION was made by Member Kelley.

The motion carried.

10 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Longacre, Brinton, Bollinger, Hymas, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, and Earl.

2 OPPOSED: Member Boggess and Kerry.

Unfinished Business from June 4, 2026, Board Meeting

R277-605, Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue and approve R277-605, Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board amend R277-605, Draft 2, by adding a new Subsection (6) to Section R277-605-4 to read as follows:

"(6)(a) A coach or designated school leader may not permit an additional adult or guest to travel with, lodge with, or accompany the team or student group during a school-sponsored activity unless the individual has successfully passed a criminal background

<u>check and ongoing monitoring through the employing LEA consistent with Section 53G-11-402.</u>

<u>(b) The background check requirement described in Subsection (6)(a) applies to any accompanying individual who is 18 years of age or older and is not a student currently enrolled in the LEA."</u>

WITHDRAWN WITHOUT OBJECTION **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board insert "who is not enrolled in or employed by an LEA" as follows:

"(6)(a) A coach or designated school leader may not permit an additional adult or guest <u>who is not enrolled in or employed by an LEA</u> to travel with, lodge with, or accompany the team or student group during a school-sponsored activity unless the individual has successfully passed a criminal background check and ongoing monitoring through the employing LEA consistent with Section 53G-11-402.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board strike "or accompany" and strike "with" after travel.

<u>"(6)(a) A coach or designated school leader may not permit an additional adult or guest to travel ~~with~~, lodge with, ~~or accompany~~ the team……….</u>

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, Boggess, Green, and Kerry.

2 OPPOSED: Members Reale and Lear.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Davis.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Kelley and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board strike "permit" and replace it with "invite" and strike "and ongoing monitoring."

"(6)(a) A coach or designated school leader may not ~~permit~~ invite an additional adult or guest to travel ~~with~~, lodge with, ~~or accompany~~ the team or student group during a school-sponsored activity unless the individual has successfully passed a criminal background check and ~~ongoing monitoring~~ through the employing LEA consistent with Section 53G-11-402.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, Boggess, Green, Davis, and Kerry.

2 ABSENT: Members Wood and Reale.

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Lear that the Board postpone this item to June 5, 2026, Unfinished Business.

The motion carried.

9 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Longacre, Lear, Bollinger, Boggess, Green.

5 OPPOSED: Members Kerry, Hall, Earl, Brinton, and Hymas.

1 ABSENT: Members Davis.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Lear that the Board continue and approve Draft 2 on final reading and direct staff to bring a new rule to committee in August to address background check and student safety and reintegration plan concerns.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Wood, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Boggess, Davis, and Kerry.

R277-407, School Fees (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board continue and approve R277-407, School Fees, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board postpone this item to June 5, 2026, Unfinished Business agenda item.

The motion passed unanimously.

14 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Green, Hall, Kerry, Brinton, and Bollinger.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board to strike the definition for “action plan” on Line 30, and also amend lines 472-477 to read “LEA fee waiver policies shall comply with 53G-7-504”, and also strike line 498-502.

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Kerry, Brinton, and Bollinger.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Boggess.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board direct staff to prepare a policy request to work with the Legislature to align school fee state code with other law and add clarity around association-related trips for athletics and activities.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Boggess, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Kerry, Brinton, and Bollinger.

MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Boggess, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Kerry, Brinton, and Bollinger.

Contracts for Approval

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approve the contract 11.1.4 Safe and Sound A Sandy Hook Initiative, Inc. dba Safe and Sound Schools.

The motion carried.

10 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Longacre, Kerry, Brinton, Bollinger, Hymas, Wood, Boothe, Davis, and Earl.

2 ABSTAINED: Members Kelley and Boggess.

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board postpone this item until the June 5, 2026, Unfinished Business agenda item.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Hall, Brinton, and Kerry.

2 OPPOSED: Members Lear and Wood.

MOTION TO INCLUDE THE AUDITORS was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member that the Board permit the auditors to remain in the executive session for all portions of the executive session.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear and Wood.

1 OPPOSED: Member Davis.

Executive Session (closed in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act)

The motion was made by Member Kelley and seconded by Member Earl that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of

- a person's character, competence, or health;
- pending or imminent litigation;
- certain matters regarding the acquisition or sale of real property, including water rights or shares;
- the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems;
- an investigation of alleged criminal conduct;
- the receipt or review of an ethics complaint if the public body is the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission;
- certain matters under the jurisdiction of a legislative ethics committee; and
- certain deliberations and decision-making involved in the procurement process.

Upon the voice vote of Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood, the Board entered a closed session at 5:08 PM.

The following individuals were also present: Molly Hart, Scott Jones, Leah Voorhies, Cybil Prideaux, Kelsey James, Lora Cooper, and Ben Rasmussen.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board come out of the executive session.

Upon voice votes of Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood, the Board came out of the executive session at 8:04 PM.

Executive Session Action Items

Educator Licenses

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board approve the consent calendar.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

UPPAC Cases for Review/Action

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the entire findings in the reinstatement hearing report dated May 4, 2026, and UPPAC recommendation that the educator's license be reinstated in Case No. 22-1918.

The motion unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the entire findings in the hearing report dated March 16, 2026, and that the educator receive a reprimand for not less than two (2) years from the date the educator's license in Case No. 24-2144.

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

1 ABSTAIN: Member Boggess.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the entire findings in the reinstatement hearing report dated May 12, 2026, and the recommendation that the educator's license be reinstated in Case No. 24-2145.

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Davis.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the Consent to discipline dated April 29, 2026, and the recommendation that the educator's license be suspended for not less than six (6) months in Case No. 25-2190.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the Consent to discipline dated May 1, 2026, and the recommendation that the educator receive a reprimand for not less than two (2) years from the date the educator's license was originally flagged. (February 14, 2025) in Case No. 25-2202.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the Order of Default and Findings dated March 20, 2026, and the recommendation that the educator's license be revoked in Case No. 25-2218**.**

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the Consent to discipline dated May 22, 2026, and UPPAC recommendations that the educator's license be suspended for not less than one (1) year in Case No. 25-2219.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board the Consent to discipline dated May 19, 2026 and the UPPAC recommendation that the educator receive a reprimand for not less than two (2) years from the date the educator's license was originally flagged in Case No. 25-2220.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the Consent to discipline dated April 24, 2026, and the UPPAC recommendation that the educator's license be suspended for not less than two (2) years in Case No. 25-2294.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the hearing report dated May 5, 2026, and the UPPAC recommendation that the educator's license be suspended for not less than three (3) years, seven (7) months in Case No. 25-2301.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Hall, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the consent to discipline dated May 21, 2026, and the UPPAC recommends the educator receive a reprimand for not less than two (2) years from the date the educator's license was originally flagged. (January 15, 2026) in Case No. 25-2315.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Hall, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the consent to discipline report dated May 19, 2026, and the UPPAC recommends the educator receive a reprimand for not less than two (2) years from the date the educator's license was originally flagged. (November 14, 2025) in Case No. 25-2334.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Hall, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the consent to discipline dated May 19, 2026, and the UPPAC recommends the educator's license be suspended for not less than one (1) year in Case No. 25-2370.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Hall, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the UPPAC recommendation that the educator receive a letter of education in Case No. 26-2379.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Hall, Davis, and Wood.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the petition for voluntary surrender of license with investigation pending dated May 4, 2026, and that the Board accept the voluntary surrender of the educator's license in Case No. 26-2388.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Hall, Davis, and Wood.

Committee Appointments

Science of Reading Panel

That the Board appoint the following individuals to the Science of Reading Panel:

Douglas Petersen, Marci Houseman, Christy Austin, Louisa Moats, Katherine O'Donnell, and Antonio A. Fierro.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Hall, Davis, and Wood.

1 OPPOSE: Member Boggess.

Student Advisory Committee

That the Board appoint Layla Hicks, Henry Long, Jonah Vincent, Raquel Young, and Scarlett Solomon to the SAC.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Kerry, Lear, Hall, Davis, and Wood.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.
The minutes are pending approval.